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DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 11 September 1954REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 1700 on 24 September 1954, tank units from the Panzer Division in Neubrandenburg left the post by road. Approximately 25 tanks, 3 armored personnel carriers, one 37-mm AA gun, 20 trucks, 6 radio trucks and 3 field kitchens were observed. On 25 and 26 September, noise of battle was heard from the area north of Prenzlin.¹

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2. Military shipments observed at the Satzborn railroad included:

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25 September. At 1745, a shipment of 15 JSU-11, 1 JS-1 tank, 1 armored scout car, 1 repair shop truck, 3 trucks and 3 boxcars occupied by soldiers, which came from Neuruppin and went to Wiesenburg. 25X1
At 1945, a shipment of 14 T-34/85 tanks, 4 repair shop trucks, 6 trucks, 2 field kitchens and 5 boxcars, which came from Neuruppin and went to Wiesenburg.²

26 September. At 0500, the first shipment of those which left Satzborn on 21 September, arrived from Grunow, southwest of Frankfurt/Oder.³ 25X1

3. At 0430 on 27 September, a shipment of approximately 8 JSU-242 guns, 15 PA-64 armored scout cars, 20 trucks, 1 flatcar with sideracks with motorcycles and 8 boxcars with soldiers was seen on Beelitz-Wiesenburg railroad line en route toward Wiesenburg. At 0500, the train was followed by a shipment of approximately 20 T-34 tanks and an undetermined number of boxcars.² 25X1
4. On 25 September, approximately 10 troop trains passed through Gotha and proceeded toward Georgenthal at the northern edge of the Ohrdruf training grounds.⁴ The loading of troop units in the Eisenbach-Kindel area was to start after 10 October. The trains were to proceed via Grossenbrehlingen-Friedrichswerth-Gotha. All bridges on this line were being reinforced. Maximum axle pressure was 20 tons and maximum speed 30 km p/h.⁵ On 25 September, one train of empty 33-type flatcars was seen in Apolda and a similar train was seen in Erfurt-Nord.⁴

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1. Comment. On 24 September, units of the U/i Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div probably departed for exercises in the area north of Penzlin. It cannot be determined that the exercises also involved other units of the division from Neustrelitz. 25X1
2. Comment. The trains probably carried units of the 12th Gds Tank Div. These movements may have initiated exercises of the division in the Wiesenburg-Zerbst-Altengrabow area.
3. Comment. The train probably carried first elements of the 10th Gds Tank Div, returning from exercises in the Cottbus area. Judging from the loading station, the exercises terminated at the Lieberose training grounds. A corresponding return shipment of the division was seen at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station on the same day. 25X1
4. Comment. According to other information, exercises which included river crossing practices with tanks were conducted in the Erfurt area on 27 September.
5. Comment. It cannot be determined whether the loadings were made in connection with the termination of major fall exercises of the Eighth Gds Army or if they were connected with return shipments of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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